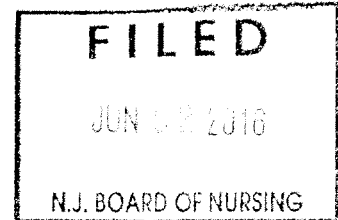


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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<b>SEBASTIANA MARISOL BENAVIDES, RN</b>	:	
<b>License # 26NR12006300</b>	:	<b>CONSENT ORDER</b>
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TO PRACTICE NURSING	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Sebastiana Marisol Benavides, RN ("Respondent") was involved in an incident which related adversely to patient care or safety.

On April 2, 2014, Respondent appeared and gave testimony before a committee of the Board, with counsel, at an investigative inquiry.

A review of available information reveals that on October 4, 2011, Respondent was floated to the Surgical Intensive Care Unit ("SICU") of Jersey Shore University Medical Center, where she had not worked for many months. She was assigned a

quadriplegic patient who was dependent on a ventilator for breathing. The patient could communicate by nodding his head or writing on a board. Respondent and a patient care technician turned the patient on his side and Respondent rendered care (chest physical therapy) to the patient's back. While she was providing care to the patient, Respondent did not notice that the ventilator became disconnected (patient not breathing), the patient's heart rate decreased, the patient became asystolic (without a heartbeat), or that the visual alarms in the patient's room were alerting. She maintains that she did not know that the auditory alarms had been silenced by another staff member. The alarms simultaneously alerted nurses at the central station, who proceeded to the patient's room to tell Respondent that the patient's heart rate was dropping. The patient was successfully resuscitated and reconnected to the ventilator.

Although Respondent admits the above conduct and findings of fact, she makes no admissions as to the Board's conclusions of law. Nonetheless, the Board finds that Respondent engaged in gross negligence within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and

for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for violation of  
N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c).

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy  
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President

I have read and understand  
the within Consent Order  
and agree to be bound by  
its terms.

Sebastiana Marisol Benavides, RN  
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Consent as to form and entry.

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